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### **KIRKWOOD NATIVE PRODUCES AWARD-WINNING DOCUMENTARY**

#### **MISSOULA--**

A student documentary produced by Meghan Flesh of **Kirkwood, Mo.**, has won a national Mark of Excellence Award from the Society of Professional Journalists.

Flesh and her production team at The University of Montana earned the prestigious award with their coverage of Montana mining issues in "Into the Earth: Hard Rocks, Hard Choices."

"Into the Earth" earned the award in the Television In-Depth Reporting category of SPJ's annual contest, which recognizes outstanding college journalism. It was created by the 1998 Student Documentary Unit in UM's Department of Radio-Television.

Flesh, now a production assistant for Fox Sports Net in Los Angeles, is the daughter of Joan and Roy Flesh of Kirkwood.

Co-directors were Eve Whitaker, Ryan Moore and Nicolas Nabokov.

"The real triumph of this show for these kids was the fact that they were covering a very quickly moving target, because the mining industry in this state is one headline after another," said UM journalism Professor Bill Knowles.

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The honor is the fourth national Mark of Excellence Award won by the department.

"Into the Earth" also previously received a Non-Commercial Program of the Year Award from the Montana Broadcasters Association.

Students will collect their awards at SPJ's annual convention, Oct. 3-5 in Indianapolis.

With 11,500 members and nonprofit status, SPJ is the nation's largest journalism organization. It is dedicated to encouraging the free practice of journalism, stimulating high standards of behavior and perpetuating a free press.

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